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1. At about noon on 3 July 1955, 12 T-54 tanks arrived on 12 SSy heavy-duty railroad cars at the Schwepnitz railroad station at the Koenigsbrueck training grounds.¹ On 6 and 7 July, reports of heavy guns were heard from the Koenigsbrueck training grounds. Reports of rocket-launchers were heard at 1800 on 7 July.²
2. Between 2100 and midnight on 5 July, AT guns presumably fired north of the camp at the Zeithain training grounds. At about 2200 on 6 July, 3 T-54 tanks went from the training grounds to the von-der-Goltz Kaserne (1802) in Riesa. At 0630 on 7 July, 4 T-54 tanks went from Oschatz to the Zeithain training grounds.³
3. At about 1500, 4 to 5 soldiers each were trained on 5 T-54 tanks, 1 JS-2 tank and JSU-122 gun at the tank firing range east of Camp Zeithain. Additional 7 T-54s were seen in the southeast portion of the camp and 3 T-34/85 tanks, 1 T-34 tank and 1 JSU-122 gun were seen in the tank artillery firing area.⁴
4. At 0900 on 7 July, a train with 16 new tanks and a boxcar carrying an escorting detail of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen on the Elsterwerda-Riesa-Leipzig railroad line.⁵ At 1000, another troop train with 12 trucks, each with a 37-mm AA gun, 8 trucks, 2 trucks with field kitchens, and 8 boxcars with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen en route from the direction of Riesa.⁶
5. At 1100 on 7 July, 3 x 85-mm AA guns were seen in the yard of the Mudra Kaserne (1801) in Riesa.
6. At 0830 on 9 July, a column of 3 trucks towing 85-mm AA guns, 1 truck towing 1 range finder, 3 trucks with ammunition, and 1 truck with field kitchen came from the direction of Riesa and went to Lichtensee.⁷
7. Judging from imprints of tank tracks, 8 to 10 T-54 tanks were unloaded at the Roederau railroad station during the night of 9 July.⁸ On 11 July, a freight train with 7 M-13 rocket-launchers, which had presumably arrived from the direction of Falkenberg and proceeded toward Riesa, was observed at the Roederau railroad station.⁹

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8. At 1215 on 11 July, 2 M-13 rocket-launchers left the former Zeithain ammunition depot for Camp Zeithain.¹⁰ At about 2330, 1 T-34/85 tank and 3 T-54 tanks went from the Zeithain training grounds to Oschatz.³
9. On 15 July, the Strassburg Kaserne (1402) in Grimma was occupied by only about 400 soldiers. Several 45-mm and 57-mm AT guns were the only heavy weapons observed. The units equipped with tanks, 85-mm AT guns, and 120-mm mortars were absent from the installation. At 2100 on 14 July, 9 x 37-mm AA guns were loaded at the Oberer Bahnhof in Grimma.¹¹ 25X1
10. On 15 July, the Elsner Kaserne (1401) in Grimma was occupied by approximately 350 soldiers, including about 250 men of the signal unit and about 100 men of the engineer unit. Engineers with bridge-construction insignia were seen neither in the town nor in the installation. No engineer exercises were observed on the Mulde River.¹²

1. [REDACTED] 25X1
2. [REDACTED] Comment. The heavy guns presumably belonged to the u/i Arty Brig of the First Gds Mecz Army. The rocket-launcher unit cannot be identified.
3. [REDACTED] Comment. These were tank firing details of the 95th and 23d Tank Regts of the 9th Tank Div. Since no weapons were observed during the "AT gun firing" on 5 July, this may have been a tank firing practice. 25X1
4. [REDACTED] Comment. The 671st Tank Tng Bn of the 9th Tank Div, which has been believed stationed in the Mudra Kaserne in Riesa, may be located at Camp Zeithain.
5. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] this tank shipment is presumably identical with [REDACTED]. Available information indicates that, prior to 12 July, the 9th Tank Div received a total of 262 T-54 tanks and thus is one of the 4 tank divisions of GSFG the equipment of which with this new type of tank was given priority. See [REDACTED] Comment 8. 25X1
6. [REDACTED] Comment. The AAA shipment, which cannot be explained, presumably went to Justerbog. 25X1
7. [REDACTED] Comment. Lichtensee is located at the Zeithain training grounds. Elements of the 216th (?) AAA Regt of the 9th Tank Div probably practiced there. 25X1
8. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the 9th Tank Div received additional T-54 tanks [REDACTED] on 10 July. See [REDACTED] Comment 5. 25X1
9. [REDACTED] Comment. Judging from the direction of drive, the train carried a rocket-launcher unit of the First Gds Mecz Army, which presumably returned from the Justerbog or Altengrabow training grounds. 25X1
10. [REDACTED] Comment. The two rocket-launchers presumably belonged to the u/i RL Bn of the 9th Tank Div. 25X1

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11. [REDACTED] Comment. Two thirds of the 21st Gds Mecz Regt and the 69th Gds Tank Bn of the 8th Gds Mecz Div were presumably stationed at the Koenigsbrueck/Schwepnitz training grounds. The identity of the 9 x 37-mm AA guns, which were loaded on 14 July, cannot be determined.

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12. [REDACTED] Comment. On 15 July, the 155th Gds Sig Bn of the 8th Gds Mecz Div was still stationed in the Elsner Kaserne in Grimma, while only about 50 percent of the 133d Engr Bn were seen in the installation. Since no engineer exercises on the Mulde River and no transfers were observed on 15 July, the whereabouts of the missing elements of the engineer battalion (bridge building) cannot be determined.

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